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- 1. PRESS TREATMENT OF MORATORIUM ON GRAIN SALES TO POLAND AND USSR LEADS US TO EXPECT THE ROMANIANS TO ASK FOR ASSURANCES THAT THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAKE PURCHASES. PURCHASES APPEAR NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS (REFTEL A). ANTICIPATING THAT AMBASSADOR WILL BE QUERIED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 11 CROP REPORT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT HE MIGHT SAY.
- 2. RELATED QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH CCC CREDITS FOR FEEDGRAINS. IN REVIEWING THE CONSEQUENCES OF FLOODING, DEPUTY PM PATAN IN EARLY AUGUST FORESAW A REQUEST FOR 200-250,000 TONS OF BARLEY AND OATS UNDER CCC TERMS (REFTEL B), THE EXACT FIGURE TO BE DETERMINED AS THIS YEAR'S CROP WAS BROUGHT IN. AWARE FROM OUR RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH GOR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITS ON COTTON THAT CCC FUNDING COMMITTED (REFTEL C) WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF LIKELIHOOD OF CCC REPLENISHMENT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR.

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